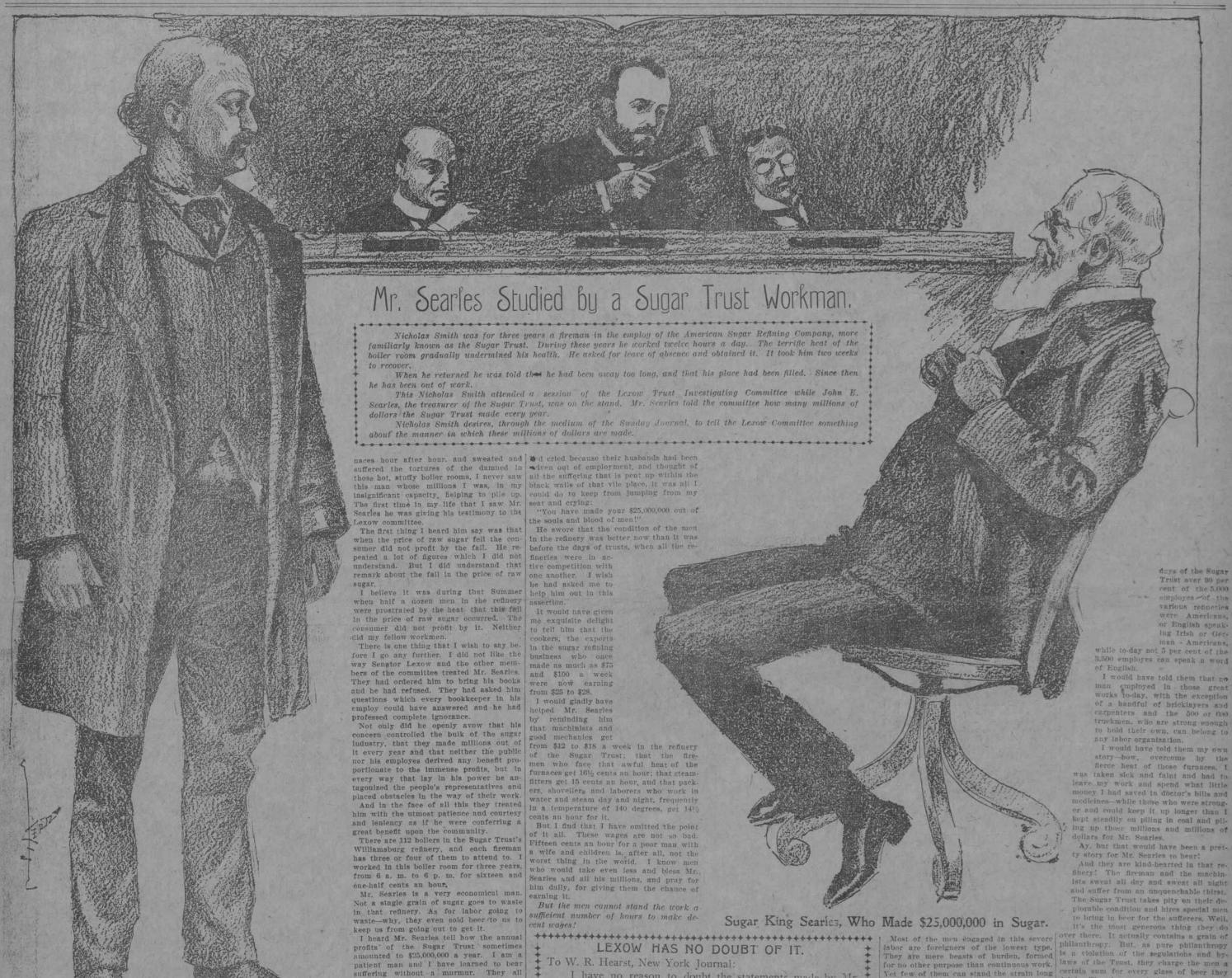
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Nicholas Smith, Who Got 16 1-2 Cents An Hour.

To the Editor of the Sunday Journal: In compliance with your request I at lotted to me will not allow me to say not afford to work for those pitiful wagestended a meeting of Senator Lexow's investigating committee. You asked me to I had never seen Mr. Searles before, Durall the men whom I had seen faint after write for you anything that I might want ing all those sweltering Summer days their day's work in that stifling refinery,

[fortunately, the space that you have al- effizens of his own country, who could

be a believer in the words of Christ, tell how he made \$25,000,000 a year profit from the labor of those thousands of poor, haif starved Russians and Poles whom he has em ployed to take the places of strong, earnes

learn that, those poor devils in the re-

a Christian church and wro professes t

Yet when I heard that man, who goes to

I have no reason to doubt the statements made by Mr. Smith regarding the Sugar Trust and its treatment of its em- # ployes. Therefore, regarding that portion of what he has writ-

ten, I have nothing to criticise. So far as any inferences to the effect that the committee *

is discriminating against the workingman in favor of the rich man are concerned, I have only to say that we rely on the record, and not the statements, insinuating such a situation \$\frac{1}{a}\$ which are not borne out by the facts. C. E. LEXOW.

Oh. Mr. Searles, were not the wages in the engine room formerly from \$18 to \$20 the place of Senator Lexow!

a week, and are they not to-day \$11.88 a "Is it not frue." I would have asked Mr.

tor Lexow?

Had I trusted myself to speak I would have sprung from my seat and would have told a story that would have made every honest man in the room cry "Shame!" upon Mr. Searles.

for no other purpose than continuous work. Yet few of them can stand the strain long certain sum for every glass of beer they chough to make more than \$8 a week—and

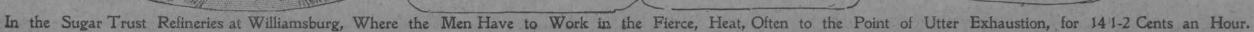
week for six days' work of twelve hours Searles, "that your company has driven each. Why did you not fell that to Sens- more than 3,000 American citizens out of

I would have told them that, before the "Is not employment in the wiring and









days of the Sugar Trust over 90 per cent of the 5,000 various refineries were Americans, or English speaking Irish or German - Americans, while to-day not 5 per cent of the 5,500 employes can speak a word

of English I would have told them that no man employed in those great works to-day, with the exception of a bandful of bricklayers and carpenters and the 500 or 600 truckmen, who are strong enough to hold their own, can belong to any labor organizatio

I would have told them my own

story-bow, overcome by the fierce heat of those furnaces, I was taken sick and faint and had to leave my work and spend what little money I had saved in doctor's bills and medicines-while those who were stronger and could keep it up longer than I kept steadily on pilling in coal and piling up those millions and millions of dollars for Mr. Searles.

Ay, but that would have been a pretty story for Mr. Searles to hear! And they are kind-hearted in that re-finery! The fireman and the machinists sweat all day and sweat all night and suffer from an unquenchable thirst.

The Sugar Trust takes pity on their deplorable condition and hires special men to bring in beer for the sufferers, Well,

the profits of the Trust are \$500,000 a rofer to lies in the fact that the Sugar week?

cooking room, for which 1415 cents an hour is paid, dangerous to health? "During the hot weather do your men

temperature in the wiring and cooking

"Do you make any allowance for a man who is taken sick through this terrible ex-

"Is it not a fact that no man can stand the work required of him thirty weeks out of fifty-two? 'Is it not a fact that membership in a

labor organization will cause a workingman's discharge?" Gentlemen of the Lexow Committee: If

you wish to know the truth concerning the doings of the Sugar Trust, its methods, its profits, its system and its tortures, call the superintendents, the managers, the foremen. They are not millionaires, like Mr. Searles, nor are they as expert at repartee as that gentleman is.

Promise them immunity from Mr. Searles's resentment and then compel them

Micholas, Smith